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# LATINO LIFE

BOOKLISTS FOR ADULTS | 2016



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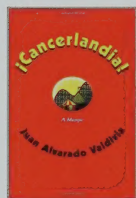
## BIOGRAPHY

### BLACK DOVE: MAMÁ, MI'JO, AND ME

by Ana Castillo

Castillo, a single, bisexual, feminist mother from a Mexican Indian immigrant family, examines social injustices through stories of her family members' lives.

BIOG PS3553.A8135 Z46 2016



### iCANCERLANDIA! A MEMOIR

by Juan Alvarado Valdivia

A Peruvian American born in Mexico, Juan Alvarado Valdivia was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 30. He recounts his illness as well as his struggles with addiction.

BIOG RC644 .A48 2015

### THE CHILD POET

by Homero Aridjis

The Mexican author recounts how at age ten, after accidentally shooting himself, he became a bookish loner who turned to poetry.

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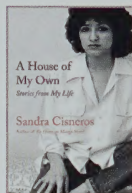


### GHETTO KLOWN: A GRAPHIC NOVEL

by John Leguizamo  
and illustrated by Christa  
Cassano and Shamus Beyale

The actor/writer/playwright shares his personal and career struggles and successes in this memoir adapted from his 2011 award-winning Broadway show.

GRAPHIC GHETTO KLOWN



### A HOUSE OF MY OWN: STORIES FROM MY LIFE

by Sandra Cisneros

This memoir, a collection of pieces spanning three decades and various countries, includes personal, political, and literary themes.

BIOG PS3553.I78 Z46 2015

### I HAD TO SURVIVE: HOW A PLANE CRASH IN THE ANDES INSPIRED MY CALLING TO SAVE LIVES

by Dr. Roberto Canessa and Pablo Vierci

Canessa, a Uruguayan who resorted to cannibalism after a 1972 plane crash, went on to become a world-renowned pediatric cardiologist.

BIOG TL553.9 .C3613 2016



### IN THE COUNTRY WE LOVE: MY FAMILY DIVIDED

by Diane Guerrero

The former Bostonian and successful TV actress recounts how she lost her undocumented Colombian parents to deportation when she was 14.

BIOG PN2287.G7455 A3 2016

### MY BROKEN PIECES: MENDING THE WOUNDS FROM SEXUAL ABUSE THROUGH FAITH, FAMILY, AND LOVE

by Rosie Rivera

The sister of legendary singer Jenni Rivera reveals her struggles with addiction and depression and how her sister, who died suddenly, was instrumental in her recovery.

BIOG PN1992.4.R5313 A3 2016X



## MY VOICE

by Angie Martinez

Martinez, a popular New York radio personality and former rapper, shares behind-the-scenes stories of her rise to success and her controversial celebrity interviews.

BLOG PN1991.4.M3585 A3 2016

## NEMESIS: ONE MAN AND THE BATTLE FOR RIO

by Misha Glenny

A loan from a gang to save his infant daughter led a man known as Nem to the top job in a Brazilian drug cartel.

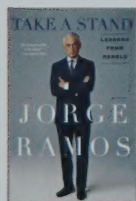
HV6248.L797 G54 2016

## SORRY NOT SORRY: DREAMS, MISTAKES, AND GROWING UP

by Naya Rivera

The *Glee* star reflects on her successes and missteps and gives advice on pursuing one's dreams and overcoming mistakes.

BLOG PN2287.R547 A3 2016X



## TAKE A STAND: LESSONS FROM REBELS

by Jorge Ramos

Ramos, the Mexican-born journalist, looks back on his many interviews with powerful people who he views as rebels.

BLOG PN4973.R36 A3 2016

## THE WEIGHT OF SHADOWS: A MEMOIR OF IMMIGRATION & DISPLACEMENT

by José Orduña

Orduña, a writer and immigration activist originally from Mexico, recounts his long path to citizenship and critiques U.S. policies, especially those regarding undocumented workers.

E184.M5 O76 2016

## EXPRESSIONS

### BUZZING HEMISPHERE / RUMOR HEMISFÉRICO

by Urayoán Noel

The Puerto Rican author creates an animated, inventive, and exploratory poetic atlas of the vibrant hum of the Americas in his self-translated bilingual poems.

PS3614.O39 B89 2015

### EAT MEXICO: RECIPES FROM MEXICO CITY'S STREETS, MARKETS, & FONDAS

by Lesley Téllez

*Eat Mexico* is a richly illustrated exploration of the delectable tastes and influences that comprise the informal and thriving food culture of the Mexican capital.

TX716.M4 T43 2015X



## THE FIRE OF PERU: RECIPES AND STORIES FROM MY PERUVIAN KITCHEN

by Ricardo Zarate and Jenn Garbee

Chef and restaurateur Zarate presents his modern take on classic dishes of his native land as well as popular, non-traditional recipes in this colorfully illustrated cookbook.

TX716.P4 Z37 2015

## THE GIRLS IN MY TOWN: ESSAYS

by Angela Morales

This compelling autobiographical collection is moving, emotional, and sometimes humorous and details Morales' memories of growing up in her dysfunctional Mexican American family in Los Angeles.

PS3613.O665 A6 2016

## LORENA GARCIA'S NEW TACO CLASSICS

by Lorena Garcia with Liz Balmaseda

Drawing on the cuisine of many Latin American countries, the Venezuelan-born restaurateur and TV personality elevates the simple taco from base to filling to topping.

TX836 .G37 2015



## LOS LOBOS: DREAM IN BLUE

by Chris Morris

The story of one of rock's longest-lived bands highlights its Chicano roots in 1970s East L.A., international fame covering "La Bamba," multiple awards, and enduring success.

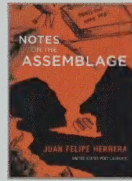
ML421.L65 M67 2015

## MEXICAN TODAY: NEW AND REDISCOVERED RECIPES FOR CONTEMPORARY KITCHENS

by Pati Jinich

Today's Mexican cuisine—a fusion of multicultural origins old and new—is made accessible by the award-winning chef and host of PBS's *Pati's Mexican Table*.

TX716.M4 J559 2016



## NOTES ON THE ASSEMBLAGE

by Juan Felipe Herrera

The personal and the political inform this intense new poetry collection from the son of Mexican migrant workers who became the first Latino U.S. Poet Laureate.

PS3558.E74 A6 2015X

## THEN COME BACK: THE LOST NERUDA

by Pablo Neruda

In twenty-one recently uncovered poems dating from the 1950s to his death in 1973, the Nobel Laureate writes of love, nature, and the Chilean people.

PQ8097.N4 A2 2016

## VIVAS TO THOSE WHO HAVE FAILED: POEMS

by Martín Espada

Echoes of Walt Whitman pervade this collection, which includes a series of poems on the death of Espada's father and decries the violence of modern America.

PS3555.S53 A6 2016



## WOMEN STREET ARTISTS OF LATIN AMERICA: ART WITHOUT FEAR

by Rachel Cassandra and Lauren Gucik

Revealing interviews with twenty artists accompany photographs of vivid artwork that express a multitude of personal and public influences, including community, politics, and social justice.

ND2602 .C37 2015X



# HISTORY & CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

## THE BOILING RIVER: ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY IN THE AMAZON

by Andrés Ruzo

A geoscientist explores the Amazon in search of a seemingly mythical river his Peruvian grandfather described to him when he was a child.

GB1199.8.P4 R89 2016X



## BRAZILLIONAIRES: WEALTH, POWER, DECADENCE, AND HOPE IN AN AMERICAN COUNTRY

by Alex Cuadros

Through individual stories, Cuadros shows how the nouveau riche achieve their wealth through corruption then spend it like there is no tomorrow.

HC190.W4 C83 2016

## BUENOS AIRES: THE BIOGRAPHY OF A CITY

by James Gardner

This historical, architectural, and cultural tour of the Argentine capital highlights the diverse range of influences that have made it a world-class city.

F3001.3 .G38 2015

## CONVICTION: THE UNTOLD STORY OF PUTTING JODI ARIAS BEHIND BARS

by Juan Martinez

The prosecutor in the notorious Jodi Arias murder trial tells the inside story of building the case against a woman who believed she would get away with murder.

HV6533.A6 M37 2016X



## THE COYOTE'S BICYCLE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF 7,000 BICYCLES AND THE RISE OF A BORDERLAND EMPIRE

by Kimball Taylor

Intrigued by the mystery of thousands of abandoned bicycles just across the Tijuana border, Taylor launched an investigation into how and why they got there.

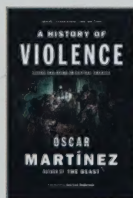
JV6475 .T39 2016

## GANGSTER WARLORDS: DRUG DOLLARS, KILLING FIELDS, AND THE NEW POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA

by Ioan Grillo

A new breed of kingpin has taken over Latin America's cartels, using a mix of fear and celebrity mystique to influence governments and ordinary people.

HV6491.L38 G75 2016



## A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE: LIVING AND DYING IN CENTRAL AMERICA

by Óscar Martínez

Stories from people fleeing Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras illuminate the dangers of life in the most violent region of the world.

HN125.2.V5 M37 2016

## THE LATINOS OF ASIA: HOW FILIPINO AMERICANS BREAK THE RULES OF RACE

by Anthony Christian Ocampo

Although Asian, the population of the Philippines has Latino influences due to Spanish colonialism, making racial identity ambiguous for many Filipinos.

F869.L89 F47 2016

## LIFE AND DEATH IN THE ANDES: ON THE TRAIL OF BANDITS, HEROES, AND REVOLUTIONARIES

by Kim MacQuarrie

MacQuarrie explores the fascinating people who have spent time along the world's longest mountain chain, including the Inca, Che Guevara, and Pablo Escobar.

F2212 .M25 2015X

## REPORTING THE CUBAN REVOLUTION: HOW CASTRO MANIPULATED AMERICAN JOURNALISTS

by Leonard Ray Teel

Teel examines how and why thirteen American journalists helped the Cuban Revolution succeed by turning U.S. public opinion in Castro's favor.

F1788 .T355 2015

## THE ASSIMILATED CUBAN'S GUIDE TO QUANTUM SANTERIA

by Carlos Hernandez

Blending science and magic against a backdrop of Cuban culture, this debut short story collection features people actively trying to reclaim their lives.



### BETTY BOO

by Claudia Piñeiro

When a successful Buenos Aires businessman is murdered, Betty Boo, "the Dark Lady of Argentine literature," is hired by *El Tribuno* newspaper to investigate.

## THE BLUE LINE

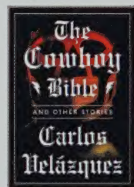
by Ingrid Betancourt

During Argentina's Dirty War, a young clairvoyant and her lover are radicalized and soon become two of "the disappeared."

## CAMP OLVIDO

by Lawrence Coates

California, 1932: Esteban Alas, a mediator in a migrant labor camp dispute, experiences a life-changing event after a shocking act of violence.

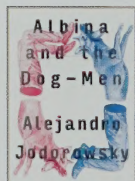


### THE COWBOY BIBLE AND OTHER STORIES

by Carlos Velázquez

Funny, surrealist stories set in northern Mexico feature professional wrestlers, rebellious teenagers, and a man who trades his wife to the devil for a pair of boots.

## FICTION



### ALBINA AND THE DOG-MEN

by Alejandro Jodorowsky

In a Chilean village, a beautiful albino giantess' allure and sensuality transform the men into wild, slaving dogs.



## DEATH IN VERACRUZ

by Héctor Aguilar Camín

In Mexico, while investigating his friend's murder, a journalist confronts government corruption and a ruthless crime boss.



## THE GOLD EATERS

by Ronald Wright

A teenage Inca fisherman is kidnapped by Spanish conquistadors and becomes Francisco Pizarro's translator in sixteenth-century Peru.

## AN INNOCENT FASHION

by R. J. Hernández

At a New York City fashion magazine, Elián, an idealistic new intern, becomes increasingly disillusioned and begins to crack under the pressure.

## LOQUELA

by Carlos Labbé

In Chile, while writing a detective novel, Carlos faces many obstacles, including a complex girlfriend, a mysterious letter writer, and an imaginary land.

## THE MASTERMIND

by David Unger

Guillermo's lover is murdered while he investigates the corrupt Guatemalan government. Grief-stricken, he plots suicide to incriminate the dishonest politicians in his "assassination."

## MIDNIGHT TAXI TANGO

by Daniel José Older

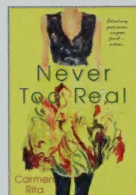
Carlos Delacruz, agent for the Council of the Dead, returns in this second Bone Street Rumba novel, this time uncovering an evil insect cult.



## MULTIPLE CHOICE

by Alejandro Zambra

This experimental flash fiction book is presented in a unique format—the Chilean Academic Aptitude Test given to children. Readers discover the stories by answering questions.



## NEVER TOO REAL

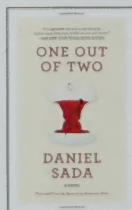
by Carmen Rita

Four successful second-generation Latinas of different backgrounds (Mexican, Venezuelan, Puerto Rican, and Dominican) help each other when faced with personal and professional crises.

## NIGHT PRAYERS

by Santiago Gamboa

Facing the death penalty in Bangkok, a young Colombian yearns for his long-lost sister, which sends a consul general on a quest to reunite them.



## ONE OUT OF TWO

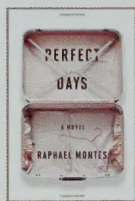
by Daniel Sada

Middle-aged Mexican twins Gloria and Constitución look exactly the same and share everything; so when eligible bachelor Oscar arrives, they secretly share him, too.

## PAPI

by Rita Indiana Hernández

Expecting lavish gifts, a young Dominican girl awaits the return of her notorious drug-dealing father, but things don't go according to plan.



## PERFECT DAYS

by Raphael Montes

Quiet, lonely Brazilian medical student Teo meets outgoing Clarice at a party, falls in love, then stalks and kidnaps her when she rejects him.

## PIERCED BY THE SUN

by Laura Esquivel

After witnessing the murder of a Mexico City politician, Lupita becomes a target herself and seeks guidance from Mexico's ancient legends and traditions.



## SEEING RED

by Lina Meruane

A Chilean writer living in New York City suddenly begins to lose her sight, putting her faith in medicine and personal relationships to the test.

## SERGIO Y.

by Alexandre Vidal Porto

A therapist in São Paulo goes in search of answers after he fails to recognize one of his patients as transgender.



## THE SKY OVER LIMA

by Juan Gómez Bárcena

Peru, 1904: As they exchange letters, an intimate relationship develops between young Georgina and the celebrated Spanish poet Juan Ramón Jiménez; but is Georgina real?

## SOFRITO

by Phillippe Diederich

To save his failing Manhattan restaurant, Frank travels to Cuba, his parents' homeland, hoping to steal a closely guarded government secret: a chicken recipe.

## THE SORROWS OF YOUNG ALFONSO

by Rudolfo Anaya

Coming of age in New Mexico, Alfonso gets entangled in the conflicting influences of his Catholic mother and a folk healer.



## SOUTHEASTER

by Haroldo Conti

Along Argentina's Paraná Delta, a young man begins a life of nomadic solitude that ultimately leads to danger and violence.

## THE STORY OF MY TEETH

by Valeria Luiselli

In his quest for the perfect set of teeth, Gustavo Sánchez uses his auctioneering skills to fund the ultimate purchase.

## SUPER EXTRA GRANDE

by Yoss

In this comic sci-fi novel, Dr. Jan Amos Sangan Dongo travels the galaxy treating his patients—giant alien beings.



## THIS SIDE OF PROVIDENCE

by Rachel M. Harper

Fleeing Puerto Rico for the American dream, the Perez family struggles to survive when faced with poverty, addiction, and prison.

## THE TRANSMIGRATION OF BODIES

by Yuri Herrera

After a plague devastates an unnamed Mexican city, The Redeemer seeks to broker peace between two feuding crime families.



## THE VEINS OF THE OCEAN

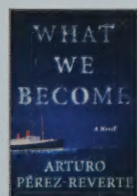
by Patricia Engel

After her brother's suicide in prison, Reina, a young Colombian, moves to the Florida Keys hoping to escape her family's painful past.

## WAYS TO DISAPPEAR

by Idra Novey

When a legendary Brazilian author with gambling debts goes missing, her devoted American translator rushes to Rio, and, along with the author's children, searches for her.



## WHAT WE BECOME

by Arturo Pérez-Reverte

Max, a thief from Buenos Aires, and Mecha, the wife of a rich Spanish composer, begin a love affair in the underground world of 1920s Argentine tango.



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